

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
Boonville, Indiana
December 5, 2013
6:00 P.M.

The Warrick County Council met in regular session in the Warrick County Courthouse, 107 W. Locust Street, Boonville, Indiana.

Council President, Gary Meyer called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Gary Meyer: Roll Call.

Krystal Powless: Gary Meyer?

Gary Meyer: Here

Krystal Powless: Charlie Christmas?

Charlie Christmas: Yes

Krystal Powless: David Hachmeister?

David Hachmeister: Here

Krystal Powless: Allan Holweger?

Allan Holweger: Here

Krystal Powless: Brad Overton?

Brad Overton: Here

Krystal Powless: Greg Richmond?

Greg Richmond: Here

Krystal Powless: Paul Rudolph?

Paul Rudolph: Here

Approval of Minutes

November 7, 2013 Regular Minutes & October 17, 2013 Budget Adoption

Gary Meyer: Okay, Approve Minutes, November 7th, Regular Meeting and October 17th of the Budget Adoption Meeting.

Greg Richmond: One on that one that's split up to get the motions and seconds corrected; it looks like that...this is on Parks and Recreations, two thirds of the way down, page two (2), that I made the motion, Brad seconded all of it but the first part was Dave Hachmeister and Charlie Christmas. And I should have called her ahead of time on that... (mic is turned off; hard to hear) That's all I found. I like when they're short.

Charlie Christmas: Yeah, they'll real quick.

Gary Meyer: Yeah, and short. Anybody else?

Allan Holweger: I'll make a motion to approve the minutes.

Charlie Christmas: As approved?

Allan Holweger: As approved.

Charlie Christmas: Second.

Gary Meyer: Motion made by AI and seconded by Charlie to approve minutes as corrected. Any further discussion? All those in favor? Opposed?

Paul Rudolph: I abstain since I wasn't here last week...or last month. I apologize for the inconvenience, I could not be...

Gary Meyer: Motion carried one (1) zero (0) and one (1). Paul Abstained.

Brad Overton: One (1), zero (0), one (1)?

Gary Meyer: Six (6), zero (0)...

Brad Overton: Oh.

Gary Meyer: I just wanted to see if you were paying attention, good boy; you were.

NEW BUSINESS

EMS Business Update

Gary Meyer: EMS Business.

Tony O'Neal: Tony O'Neal, St. Mary's Warrick EMS. Here with the Operational and Financial Report for October 2013. In October we had three hundred seventy five (375) ambulance runs for the county, two hundred thirty four (234) of those went to local hospitals, we had forty (40) refusals, thirty six (36) hospital transfers, and those were out of Warrick Hospital, twenty two (22) disregards which were no patient, dead on screen or disregarded, and we had forty three (43) private runs. We were ninety six percent (96%) on our success rate on our fifteen (15) minute response time. Any questions on the Operational?

Gary Meyer: Go ahead.

Tony O'Neal: Okay...

Charlie Christmas: Tony, on your refusals...is the fee kicked in or are we charging fees when...refusals?

Tony O'Neal: Yes, we kicked that off starting November the 1st and I do have some numbers here; in November we had twenty two (22) refusals, um, that we were able to bill for. Four (4) of those were ALS refusals so we billed thirty four hundred dollars (\$3,400.00) for the month of November for refusals. And I think while you see that reduction, you know, like I said in October we had forty (40) refusals, November we had twenty two (22), I think probably that's was because people have been notified about that and that's probably slowed those issues down a little bit.

Charlie Christmas: Okay.

Gary Meyer: Have you gotten paid for them yet?

Tony O'Neal: Well, that's the next thing we're checking on... (Laughter)

Charlie Christmas: You billed 'em...

Tony O'Neal: We haven't got the results of how well that's going to come out.

Gary Meyer: Yeah, okay...

Tony O'Neal: But we'll keep the Council posted on that. On the Financials, on our collectables we were about eighty five hundred dollars (\$8,500.00) under budget for the month of October. Part of that is my understanding St. Mary's changed their...the way the money comes in, they have these mailboxes, and don't ask me how that works all right now but, they changed the mailboxes so some funds didn't go in the right mailbox and we'll see that positive in November where it went into the correct mailbox so... But that still puts us about one hundred seventeen thousand dollars (\$117,000.00) above budget on collectables so we're still doing really good on our collectable revenue year-to-date. Our monthly expense, we were about seventeen hundred dollars (\$1,700.00) under budget on our monthly expense, um, we would have been a lot better off but we did pay for the chase vehicle in October out of that so that's why you see that...on equipment that big expense there. And that puts us about one hundred eighty six thousand dollars (\$186,000.00) under budget year-to-date on operational expense.

Paul Rudolph: Tony, why do we have a negative number for 'private run net income'? Is that that mailbox thing you were talking about?

Tony O'Neal: Yes, yeah and we will see that change next month.

Paul Rudolph: By why is it negative? I would think it'd be zero (0) possibly if we're having an issue but negative seems odd to me.

Tony O'Neal: Well, some of that is...on our private runs a lot of those are NICU/PICU runs, newborn babies and though we've billed for it, um, let me get this right, though we've billed for it it hasn't come through yet because they've not got social security numbers for the new babies so it's showing a negative until those...until social security pays that bill or until the social security number comes in and then the bill can be paid so it will bring it out of the negative on that, if that made any sense, probably not...

Paul Rudolph: Not really, sorry. I mean, if you can at least check into it and get more of a explanation that would be...

Tony O'Neal: I know it has to do with the NICU and PICU runs and how it's billed and the delay with...

Paul Rudolph: But would those be a private run or collected? I would think that'd be um...or county?

Tony O'Neal: That would be private runs.

Paul Rudolph: That is private run?

Tony O'Neal: Yes, that is considered private run.

Paul Rudolph: Okay.

Tony O'Neal: So...but I'll get a better answer for you for next month.

Paul Rudolph: Thank you.

Tony O'Neal: You're welcome.

Gary Meyer: Any other questions? Okay, thank you.

Tony O'Neal: Thank you.

Gary Meyer: I'm sorry, yes, go ahead, come up here so we can hear you.

Kevin Scott: Kevin Scott, I live in Newburgh, I just was curious what...how many refusals did you have that weren't billed for and what determines whether you can or not charge for a refusal?

Tony O'Neal: Well, we can't bill for refusal if it's a second party call...

Kevin Scott: Okay, that makes sense.

Tony O'Neal: Or if it's a car accident and a person did not request an ambulance. Say the Sheriff arrived and they called for a unit to come out and check them out and they refused we would not charge them for that...

Kevin Scott: Sure.

Tony O'Neal: If the individual calls, and we respond and then we can bill for it.

Kevin Scott: Do you have any idea what you're collects are on that? On what's billed?

Tony O'Neal: We don't...not yet, this is our first month so...

Kevin Scott: I was just curious how that was working out.

Tony O'Neal: Yeah, this is our first month; we should have some numbers here real soon.

Gary Meyer: Okay. Thank you.

Tony O'Neal: You're welcome, thank you.

Council Business	
Additional Appropriation	
Rainy Day	1186-000-4111.40
Employee Insurance	\$100,000.00
Total Rainy Day	\$100,000.00

Gary Meyer: Okay, Additional Appropriation, Rainy Day Fund, Employee Insurance, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00).

Krystal Powless: (Her mic is off; she is hard to hear) I'm hoping...the email...as you can see we made a little bit but we're not...what that will be until the end of December. Patty and I were talking and we thought it...if we're able to appropriate fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) than let's say that we end up only being five thousand (\$5,000.00) in the red, then we'll only pull five thousand fifty (\$5,050.00). But if the claims come in really high this last month then they may need the full fifty (\$50,000.00) but we will only pull the exact amount they need...

David Hachmeister: And fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) is going to be close.

Krystal Powless: Yeah, it's going to be real close. Hopefully they will not be as high because people have met their deductible, you know, I'm just not sure how it's going to... But we think fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) would get it.

Gary Meyer: Will do it.

David Hachmeister: I'll make a motion for fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) out of the Rainy Day Fund for the Employee Insurance.

Allan Holweger: Second.

Gary Meyer: Motion made by David and seconded by AI to approve fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) from the Rainy Day fund for Employee Insurance. Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried seven (7), zero (0).

Krystal Powless: And I will let you know how that turns out.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Council Business
Meeting Dates 2014

Gary Meyer: Item four (4), Council Business, Meeting Dates. We need to approve these; I guess we can subject to change over the year.

Krystal Powless: Well, I know that Paul I think had some changes that he would possibly like to talk about with you guys.

Paul Rudolph: So the only one that's really a concern this is the October 2nd one, um, and that is a challenge for me just because it's the second day of the month, the first three (3) are always extraordinary busy for me and really that's the only one...I'd like to suggest a move on just because the January 2nd one is...we have an extra day because of the holiday so it's not a problem for me so if you guys wouldn't mind being a little flexible, if we could move the October 2nd to either 7:00 PM or the second Thursday I would greatly appreciate it. But that's the only accommodation I...

Gary Meyer: I would rather go to 7:00 PM then...

Charlie Christmas: I'd rather...

Allan Holweger: 7:00 PM, yeah.

Gary Meyer: If that's alright with you, if you can do that.

Paul Rudolph: Either one is fine with me; I appreciate the Council being flexible.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Allan Holweger: Do we need a motion on that?

Paul Rudolph: We'll need a motion for the whole resolution.

Gary Meyer: We'll just make a motion...anybody else have any concerns or changes they'd like to make? And the only change we got is on the October 2nd meeting, we'll move it from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Charlie Christmas: That sounds good.

Paul Rudolph: And I do want to point out the July meeting is the 10th.

Gary Meyer: The July meeting, I'm sorry, yes, is the 10th because...

Krystal Powless: The holiday.

Gary Meyer: The 4th is on a Friday.

Paul Rudolph: And the May's also on the...

Gary Meyer: May's also on the 2nd, that's right.

Allan Holweger: Are you doing to do May at 7:00 also?

Paul Rudolph: No, no, I'm just pointing out those are the second Thursday instead of the first.

David Hachmeister: I didn't notice May's.

Gary Meyer: May is on May the 8th.

David Hachmeister: I didn't notice when we talked about them last month, it has been changed.

Paul Rudolph: Is that because of Labor Day or Memory Day?

David Hachmeister: No, Memorial Day...

Paul Rudolph: Why did we change it to the 8th?

Gary Meyer: I think it's because of her.

Paul Rudolph: Oh.

Gary Meyer: I think she wanted to change it.

David Hachmeister: I've got meetings on the 2nd and 4th, on Thursday, that's the only thing but I don't have to go.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

John Wilson: If we don't have money now how are we going to do it? That's what we're fighting then, if we're paying their insurance...

Krystal Powless: You're probably going to have to...

John Wilson: Yeah, in Indianapolis talking to all those. That insurance you guys are doing?

Gary Meyer: You want to identify yourself for me please?

John Wilson: John Wilson. I've been in Indianapolis a lot learning all this stuff and you guys are making so much...six thousand (\$6,000.00) or twenty thousand (\$20,000.00), what do you guys make a year on your insurance here for our commission here?

Paul Rudolph: What do we make?

John Wilson: Yeah, twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) ten thousand (\$10,000.00), they wouldn't give me no copies of this yet, that's why I've been fighting.

Paul Rudolph: How much does it cost you mean?

John Wilson: What you guys make a year?

Gary Meyer: Oh, that's...

David Hachmeister: Are you talking about salary?

John Wilson: Salary...

David Hachmeister: Is it nine something (\$9,000.00)

Gary Meyer: I think its nine thousand (\$9,000.00) something.

John Wilson: Nine thousand (\$9,000.00) that's what I'm saying...we're having so much problem that we don't have enough money right now and they're dogging everybody right now and different stuff, that's why I'm in Indianapolis talking,

that we need to drop you guys, everybody vote, you guys only get one thousand (\$1,000.00) a year. Then you guys buy your insurance.

David Hachmeister: I'm not on County insurance, John.

John Wilson: Huh?

David Hachmeister: I'm not on County insurance.

John Wilson: I know but everything, if you guys got to pay your insurance here, just like the people in here, I went down and talked to them, we just lost two (2) people out of each department here and I asked those girls and guys, I said 'you guys make forty thousand (\$40,000.00) or fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) why don't you guys go down the same...what the same amount of money they're making, twenty five thousand (\$25,000.00), why don't you do it to help us right now?' and they got mad at me and they left. You know, that's what I'm big on fighting right there, I'm just tired of what's going on and that's why I've been in Indianapolis and they say 'yeah, it's a vote, we got to vote for this', if it is I'm going to get on channel 14 and 7 and ask everybody to vote what's going on to come and do it. Cause we don't need that much money going in to lose that much jobs.

Allan Holweger: I'm on social security so...

John Wilson: Huh?

Allan Holweger: I'm on social security.

John Wilson: Right, but if you guys make six thousand (\$6,000.00), nine thousand (\$9,000.00) a year we'll get you down to two thousand (\$2,000.00), I mean if you don't want the job get out. While I'm in Indianapolis talking to these people and they're really true people, that's how I get the copies...

Paul Rudolph: I'm confused, I'm sorry, who are the people in Indianapolis that you're talking to?

John Wilson: That's none...I get a hold of people from Indianapolis tells me the truth. And I've found more on that than Storm water I'm fighting right now about. All that stuff right now, I'm getting a hold of all those people. And it's none of your business, I got the copies.

Gary Meyer: You shouldn't have to go to Indianapolis to get that information. It's public information; everything is.

John Wilson: Yeah, I know but me talking to people here in the county, they don't want to say nothing; they just get up and leave.

Gary Meyer: Well, that's not our fault but, I mean you should be able to get the information you want.

Krystal Powless: John, have I ever gotten up and left when you come to see me?

John Wilson: No, she does give me...but I can't get the main copies I need. Just like the other day I went up there to county and got the copies of Storm Water and I went up there and got it from what Metzger's doing and they just got here and got some pipe, seventy eight (78) pieces of pipe, for thirty dollars (\$30.00) is what Metzger's getting it for and I went to J&J cause...I'm retired, I can get all this stuff, I went up there to J&J and I asked that girl, she's the owner, and she come to talk to me, and she said yeah the county get's it for twenty eight fifty (\$28.50) so I said 'why did Metzger get it for thirty dollars (\$30.00) for each seventy eight (78) piece pipe, two hundred, two thousand, three hundred something dollars and we can get it for twenty eight fifty (\$28.50)?' and I said 'that's why we're shutting this place down for the Storm Water cause I done talked to IU and I asked IU not to come and do nothing for our county right now because what they're doing and doing everything from Newburgh and not helping anybody else, that's how I'm getting a hold of all this stuff and they're upset with me and I went and talked to IU and I said 'will you help get away from Boonville and go to Evansville cause all they're doing is screwing us right now.' And I said 'what's for' and I said 'I went and talked to Don, talked to the cop guy, I went and talked to that other guy, I can't think of his name, I forget names, and then he said 'John, don't worry about it, we ain't going to do nothing for you, we're going to do it all for Newburgh'. I said 'so you won't give nothing for the county, they could give two hundred thousand (\$200,000.00) here in Tennyson, two hundred thousand (\$200,000.00) in Folsomville and Lynnville' and they said 'no, we're doing it all for Newburgh', and I said 'well, that's why I'm in Indianapolis' talking about this.

Alan Holweger: Well, but you should be talking to the County Commissioners, that's not us, that's the Commissioners.

John Wilson: Yeah, I know that's Commission but what we're doing here...

Alan Holweger: We have nothing...we have no control over any of that so...

John Wilson: I know but we don't have enough money now. I went up there and copies of her's, we only got two hundred thousand (\$200,000.00) in the bank what we got right here, two hundred thousand (\$200,000.00), we don't have enough money. So if we don't have enough money here we're going to have to start losing less money here. So if you guys make nine thousand (\$9,000.00) a year, we going to get you guys down to two thousand (\$2,000.00) a year. The guys that's in the Courthouse that's in there that lost two (2) people in each department, we're going to have to knock them down what they're making forty thousand (\$40,000.00) we're going to have to make them down to thirty thousand (\$30,000.00).

Gary Meyer: I'll tell you what; you can also talk to the Commissioners about not buying vehicles. They bought two (2) vehicles, so that's two (2) jobs.

John Wilson: I'm trying to get everybody to do something, they won't do nothing.

Paul Rudolph: So John, you're timing is a little rough...

Gary Meyer: You're a little late.

Paul Rudolph: We already did the County budget.

John Wilson: I know but what I'm trying to say we can vote this year to get it out, I mean, that's what I'm saying, it's just what they're spending, I went up there and talked to different people and they get mad, they're so scared, the girls won't even talk to you cause they're so scared of losing their jobs right now.

Paul Rudolph: I think once the budgets passed and the salary ordinances are passed...is going to be tough to change for the upcoming year but possibly...

John Wilson: Cause I'm up there at the Courthouse...

Paul Rudolph: We'll be looking at this every year.

John Wilson: Okay, cause I'm going to be up here every time now and I'm up at the Courthouse getting paper every day, that's what I'm saying, I'm fighting with the Storm Water now and they don't want to do this and they don't want to do that well, shut them down, we don't need all that stuff right now, we don't need what the county is doing all this stuff...

Gary Meyer: Well, we can't really shut Storm water down, that's a problem, that's a State statute, that's a mandate.

John Wilson: No it's not, I've done talked to Indianapolis, they said 'all we got to do' I said 'how did you guys get your money a year on that?' And I talked to them and they said 'well you guys just went up there and signed a paper in Indianapolis; I've got a whole copy of it at the house. They shipped it to me and sent it to me and said 'yeah, they just shipped it here, they signed, took it to Indianapolis to sign it' I said 'what do you do with your money?' they said 'we don't deal with the money, your county does' so I said 'so that means you guys don't do nothing with that money that we make a year, that one million something?' they said 'no, the county does', 'so that means we can come in here and shut this down?' they said 'yeah, all you got to do is have the whole commission petition, vote that and we can get it out.'

Gary Meyer: Well, that's a different story than we're hearing. Because we heard it was a State mandated...

John Wilson: No, I done talked to the State, that's what I said...

Gary Meyer: Well, we were told we would be fined thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) a day until we passed this.

Greg Richmond: It's a Federal mandate.

Gary Meyer: Federal mandate...

Allan Holweger: It's a Federal mandate.

Gary Meyer: It's not the State it's a Federal mandate. I don't know if you've talked to people in Washington or not but that's where it came from.

John Wilson: Yeah, Washington D.C. cause that's who I'm...or not Washington but they said that ain't Federal cause I got the paper.

Gary Meyer: Well it is Federal.

Allan Holweger: It is Federal.

John Wilson: It isn't Federal I've got the paper it's not, it says the State.

Gary Meyer: Why did the Federal government tell us then we had to pass this?

John Wilson: Cause they're saying all that stuff now. Cause that's why I'm up there in Indianapolis, I ain't kidding you, it says...the paper I got from State it's right there it has 'State' on it don't say 'Federal' on it, it says the 'State'.

Allan Holweger: But the Federal...

David Hachmeister: The Federal mandated the State to issue...

Gary Meyer: The Federal mandated the State to do it, period.

John Wilson: Well, I'll call them myself and I'll call and ask; I want the copy cause that's what it is.

Allan Holweger: Yeah, you have to go to Washington D.C....

John Wilson: I done been to Washington, that's what I said they told me that and then we can knock you guys down from nine thousand (\$9,000.00) a year, we can knock your vote down and you guys one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). It's up to us cause it's our counties here that we can vote what we want. You guys are just here to do what you want.

Allan Holweger: I don't think that's correct.

Gary Meyer: I think you need to re-read some of the statutes. We are controlled of what we do.

John Wilson: But I done talked to Ron Bacon, Ron Bacon got mad at me.

Gary Meyer: I don't care about Ron Bacon, I'm talking about the State statutes that controls us what we can and cannot do.

Greg Richmond: We're very limited.

Gary Meyer: We're limited of what we can do.

John Wilson: Yeah, you're limited so we can get you guys down to a thousand (\$1,000.00) a year.

Gary Meyer: Well, yeah, we could have passed ourselves a twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) raises, sure we could have, yeah, you're right.

John Wilson: Yeah, that's what I'm saying, cause we can vote you guys down to a thousand (\$1,000.00) this year.

Gary Meyer: You're right. And we can lay-off more people too. We could do that too.

John Wilson: That's fine; we don't have enough money now. We can get rid of him, we get rid of you, we can get down to three (3) or four (4) or three (3), two (2) year vote, one (1) vote.

Allan Holweger: That's a mandate. You have to have this many cause that's a State statute.

Gary Meyer: You have to have a seven (7) member board.

John Wilson: Well, I know but I mean, he just said you can vote people down, lay people off, we can lay them off.

Gary Meyer: You cannot lay-off elected officials.

John Wilson: Well, I know but I'm just saying what you said we got to lay more people off...

Gary Meyer: Well, these are elected officials, you can't lay them off, we can change their salary, you're right there...

John Wilson: Yeah, salary, just like you and the people down there at the Courthouse, we can slim them down, that'll be more money that we can save.

Paul Rudolph: John, I can tell you that the Council is doing everything we can to reduce our cost and we're looking at everything. This year we did not have a raise, last year we've not had a raise, um,

John Wilson: we'll we're going to raise you down, we're gonna get on the news and say we're going to come down here to the commission and we're going to vote you guys down. Then we'll go down to the Courthouse and vote them down.

Gary Meyer: You can do that.

John Wilson: Yeah, that's what I'm saying, I already know all this, I'm trying to be nice, what's going on they're doing to us but they're not helping us.

Gary Meyer: Who's not helping us? I don't understand? Who's not helping the county?

John Wilson: The county crews.

Gary Meyer: The county crews? Are you talking about the Highway or...?

John Wilson: The county, you guys, nothings getting done.

Charlie Christmas: We'll find out after the snow hits tonight whether the county crews are doing anything cause they will be out there.

Brad Overton: I guess that is one (1) thing that we are fortunate enough to have elected officials and then at the next elections you're able to exercise your rights to remove people and do that so...

John Wilson: I'm just nice; I'm learning all this stuff more and more and you guys are run just like the county, I talked to some of the county guys, they're wanting to get rid of the county now and just let...

Brad Overton: Get rid of the county? You mean...you're kind of confusing me with some of your...

John Wilson: Our county guys out there right now are fighting...

Brad Overton: Wanting to get rid of our county employees?

Charlie Christmas: You're talking about the employees?

John Wilson: Yes, they're trying to get rid of county...

Charlie Christmas: The Highway Department?

John Wilson: Yes, I've done...I got some stuff going on on that and they're trying to get rid of it and they're going to have like Aigner and people come in and do the work that way where they can save money.

Charlie Christmas: Oh, you're saying it's being farmed out to outside vendors?

Paul Rudolph: Outsourced.

John Wilson: Not yet but after January 1st they're going to try to do something.

Charlie Christmas: Well, I'm sorry but...

Brad Overton: Well, I mean, throughout the year I'm sure we have to use different vendors to do different things that we...the county workers are not able to perform every task that...as far as paving every inch of road, that's why we have to outsource that and we have to hire different people to do things so I mean, there are some things where you have to hire other entities to do that. I mean, if we were going to be able to maintain a crew like that you could probably check with Mr....we'd have to hire probably fifty (50) more people to do some of the work that you're perhaps referencing so I'm a little confused from the direction that you're coming from.

John Wilson: Well, I'll get some more paper and come back, I'm just putting you up front what's going to happen, going

on news before long to put all that on, I'm going to get all the paperwork and show all that stuff.

Brad Overton: Okay, well, I would just make sure that you have your specifics together and have your t's crossed and your i's dotted.

Paul Rudolph: And John, just to make sure you're aware, cause a lot of Warrick County voters are probably not, the County Council, we're the people you're speaking for today, we are responsible for financial decisions and how to support the county and how to spend our money in the most efficient way possible. If you have concerns with the performance of particular tasks, highway, storm water, etc., your concern isn't really in front of the seven (7) people in front of you today, it's in front of the County Commissioners so I just wanted to make sure you're aware that if your concern is reducing the budget then you are in front of the right body. If your concern is in fact that things aren't getting done to your satisfaction and that monies being...and that we're not having nice enough streets, Storm Water, etc, etc, you really need to go to the County Commissioners and they meet twice a month on the...

John Wilson: Well, I talked to a guy from Joe...in Indianapolis, and I talked to him with Angie over there and they raised this farm up this year from twelve thousand (12,000), the number, up to seventeen thousand (17,000.00) and I said what was that? And I talked to Joe and he said because we didn't have enough money from that department so we took it out of the farm. So I said 'you took it out of farm this year, Joe?' and they're from Indianapolis and he said 'yeah', I said 'why is that' cause he said we didn't have enough money to take it out of people this way and that, well, we don't have enough money to do that, we need to do something different.

Paul Rudolph: So, my advice would be probably that you can get more information from the local County Commissioners than you can from pretty much anyone else so I'm not sure what advice you're getting from Indianapolis...

John Wilson: Well, people I've...here they get shaky and they don't want to tell you nothing that's why I see here you're red, you're red, I can tell when people gets red of worrying about it, I mean, that why I learn all this stuff what's going on, I can tell when you get red...

Brad Overton: I have a little bit of rosacea actually, sometimes it occurs.

John Wilson: Well, I know, I know you see Hachmeister is red, I can tell when people get's red...

Brad Overton: He has high blood pressure.

John Wilson: I've been around Hachmeister, I know you guys.

David Hachmeister: John, how long have I know you?

John Wilson: You...all my life.

David Hachmeister: Okay, now and I'm sitting up here getting red faced because you're bringing up a lot of stuff that doesn't make sense to us.

John Wilson: Well, that's part of my brain, when I had a brain...you knew I done that but what I'm doing all this stuff, what's learning here is a lot of stuff going that shouldn't be doing. And that's what I'm trying to say, that's what I'm learning all this stuff, if you guys would do the truth on stuff and not spend more money than we need, just like you guys, you guys don't need nine thousand (\$9,000.00) if you need nine thousand (\$9,000.00) you can go get another job. This is something that you're supposed to do for us commissions to do our jobs here, not to come get more money. I mean, I can come here, and I'm just a building, I can come here and vote me in, I'd take nothing and just do it cause that's part of the stuff I'm doing the fighting for this stuff. Not come in here and get money here and get to take what you want.

Brad Overton: Yeah, I can tell you right now that I don't think any of us are padding our pockets over the nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00) we're making from this job and I don't know if you're trying to insinuate that we're taking money and using it like underhanded because when you're mentioning putting money in your pockets because that is somewhat insulting to me because I view myself as an honest person so...

John Wilson: No, I'm talking about your nine thousand (\$9,000.00) you're putting in your pocket you want; if you don't want it and you just said that, that you don't care about it we'll just...you guys donate it then. That'd be extra money so you can give me the copies when I come over and get it from her all the time. I get copies all the time. I go to the Courthouse and get it so if you guys do that I can come over here and look, you guys got zero (\$0), no nine thousand (\$9,000.00) that would be nine, one, two three four five six seven eight nine, nine times nine...

Gary Meyer: Seven (7).

John Wilson: Okay, Seven (7) times nine (9), that's pretty good money we could put in our pocket.

Gary Meyer: Who's going to put it in their pocket?

John Wilson: Put it into the county, the county can have money for, that's what I'm saying, I mean, I'm not being a thing, but I'm just learning what's going on.

Brad Overton: That's the one nice thing about education, cause it's a lifelong process and you can continue to learn.

Allan Holweger: You learn more.

Gary Meyer: That's right.

John Wilson: Yeah, I'm learning, that's why I'm getting paper, I'll get all this stuff and I'll...

Allan Holweger: Hey John, I'm on the Solid Waste Board, I don't get paid a penny, I spend over fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) out of my own pocket this year being on a board, helping out the county, out of my own pocket besides and I'm appointed off of this commission to be on that board cause somebody has to be there. I took that responsibility and I've spent over fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) traveling and taking care of problems for the county out of my own pocket so...

John Wilson: That's your problem.

Allan Holweger: So, don't sit there and take this nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00) as a big...we're getting rich off of it, it doesn't even cover our expenses.

John Wilson: Well, I know if...wants to do the job that's your problem.

Gary Meyer: Okay, we got to move on John, thank you very much. Okay, County Council we were looking at the meeting dates.

Unknown Speaker: Thank you, I forget where we were.

Gary Meyer: October 2nd has been moved to 7:00, the rest of it is the same.

Brad Overton: Did we have a motion on that?

Gary Meyer: No.

Brad Overton: I'll make a motion.

Paul Rudolph: I'll second that motion.

Gary Meyer: Motion made by Brad and seconded by...

Paul Rudolph: Paul.

Gary Meyer: Paul to approve the meeting dates. All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried seven (7), zero (0).

Other Business

Gary Meyer: I have one (1) other thing...anybody from the audience like to address the Council anymore? Okay, I have one (1) thing to bring up that I'd...I attended the Commissioners meeting here a couple of weeks ago and what came to light was I was kind of concerned that they had bought a vehicle for the Emergency Management people without contacting or consulting or coming to us at all. And then they did another one. They bought one for the Assessor. And here again, did not notify us and even though they took it out of a fund I guess they don't have to notify us but we are expected to provide the money for insurance, gas and oil and all this kind of stuff, I don't know where that's going to come from so I confronted them and told them it would have been nice if they'd at least notify us that they were going to do this cause two (2) vehicles, that's roughly probably fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) per vehicle or there bouts, plus there's going to be additional expenses. These are not replacement vehicles, they're brand new, additional vehicles and it concerned me. And when I read the minutes it even concerned me more, which is the reason I went to their meeting, it was stated 'if this doesn't work out you can always blame it on the Council' and that bothered me because we didn't even know anything about it. So I informed them that the Council didn't know anything about it, we can take our hits when we know something about it but this we didn't know anything about but we can still blame the Council I guess.

Paul Rudolph: Which Commissioner made that statement?

Allan Holweger: Don.

Gary Meyer: Don Williams.

Allan Holweger: He said I guess it was kind of a...'not a very good joke.'

Greg Richmond: He voted against the vehicle.

Gary Meyer: He voted against one (1) of them.

Greg Richmond: Yeah.

Charlie Christmas: He didn't vote against the other one.

Gary Meyer: Yeah, he didn't vote against the other one but he did vote against one (1).

Brad Overton: What fund did that come out of?

Gary Meyer: It came out of Reassessment Fund. Now, how she's going to pay for the gas, oil, insurance, all this other stuff, I don't know.

Allan Holweger: Maintenance.

Gary Meyer: Maintenance, I don't know. I don't know if they'll be coming to us for additional appropriation or what but it's just...when we didn't know anything about it just really upset me and that's the reason I went to the Commissioners meeting and I wanted to tell everybody...I'm sorry, what?

John Wilson: I'm...that stuffs true; if Don does that, he's making so much a year, take it out of his pocket, I mean that's what we got to do...

Gary Meyer: Well, okay, but anyway this was their call but it is going to be our call in the future by adding more money I guess for the maintenance of these vehicles so I just wanted to tell the council that I did do that. Anybody else have anything to bring up?

Charlie Christmas: My question is if they can go out and buy a vehicle like that what else can they do? Raise salaries in their own department?

Gary Meyer: I don't know that.

Charlie Christmas: Seriously.

Krystal Powless: They can't do that.

Charlie Christmas: I'm just saying, you know...

Gary Meyer: Hang on just a minute...

Kevin Scott: Kevin Scott again, Newburgh. This is part of the...what you're expressing just irritates me too very much because this is part of what I was trying to get my point across when you all were voting for them to raise the rates so that they could get more money because I knew what that was going to do is that was going to free up other monies that they could use for other things that maybe could be frivolous and that's what it is.

Gary Meyer: Well, that raise of that money did not go to this.

Kevin Scott: No, it didn't go to that but this money that they have, how much did they spend on these (2) two vehicles?

Paul Rudolph: I think Kevin's point is...

Gary Meyer: That came out of different funds.

Paul Rudolph: Because they're spending money ineffectually we shouldn't give them more money.

Gary Meyer: It comes out of the funds.

Kevin Scott: Oh, I know it came out of a different fund but...

Gary Meyer: It came out of Reassessment which...

Kevin Scott: I understand, I guess the point I'm trying to say is if I have a total expenditure that I need to do for a million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) and I have it broke down in all these different funds and this (1) one fund gets bigger then I can move some around in other places.

Gary Meyer: No, you can't.

Kevin Scott: I know you can't move from there...

Charlie Christmas: There you can't...

Gary Meyer: You cannot do that. You cannot move it from Reassessment into something else. It has to be spent in Reassessment or whatever fund you're talking about.

Unknown Speaker: ...It's not my business.

Gary Meyer: That's right. I understand what you're saying but that's the problem, we can't change funds.

Paul Rudolph: But there is a little truth to what Kevin says right cause we can actually start charging reassessment for more things than we would have charged them for if they didn't have that money so there is a little bit of a give and take there right, I mean, we saw that...we did that a lot with the budgeting process, we said, okay, this salary is going to come out of this fund rather than the general fund so...

Kevin Scott: That's what I'm saying, they have to follow...

Paul Rudolph: I mean, it's a little bit arguable, so I think that's what Kevin might be saying.

Kevin Scott: You can move some stuff around a little bit I...

Paul Rudolph: A little, not as much as you might think.

Kevin Scott: Well, probably not but...

John Wilson: How much is a little? Ten dollars (\$10.00)?

Paul Rudolph: It depends.

Kevin Scott: Huh?

John Wilson: How much little is? Ten dollars (\$10.00) or one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) or...

Paul Rudolph: It depends...what I meant is 'partially' is probably is a better.

John Wilson: That's what I'm saying, how much is a little?

Paul Rudolph: I don't know it would depend.

Kevin Scott: I'm not trying to point a finger...

John Wilson: Thank you, Kevin.

Gary Meyer: Okay, thank you.

Greg Richmond: I have one (1) item when you're done.

Gary Meyer: Okay, does anybody else have anything to bring up? Okay, Greg, go ahead.

Greg Richmond: It's too bad there's not more people here. Let it be known, hear ye, hear ye, upon this day, December the 5th, 2013 that Krystal Powless, for outstanding service to Warrick County Council, Warrick County Government, Citizens of Warrick County, throughout the entire year will be placed on Santa's nice list for the year 2013 and it is thereby bestowed with all of the benefits and privileges that accompany this award signed by Santa Claus.

Laughter

Paul Rudolph: Krystal, your face is getting red now.

Krystal Powless: Yeah...

Charlie Christmas: Now we got a red face.

John Wilson: Hey, I've got a question, is that for... (he is away from the mic; cannot hear). Just kidding.

Krystal Powless: That is very sweet and thank you very much for the Christmas present, I appreciate it. Um, I probably need to bring up one (1) other thing.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Krystal Powless: Only because I think some of you have heard about it I thought about just letting it go but there was a memo sent to all county employees by the Commissioners this afternoon, and it talked about if we would close tomorrow, like if the weather would get bad enough that they'd have to close. Basically the final statement said 'the final decision on paying employees tomorrow should the Courthouse Judicial Center be close will be made at this evenings County Council meeting'. Well, I'm not sure that that's a Councils call and...

Greg Granger: I don't think we've ever made that call; the Councils made that call and I don't know if we have the authority to make that call.

Gary Meyer: No, I don't think...

Paul Rudolph: For twenty nine (29) days out of thirty (30) we're not meeting the night before so we're not going to...it's tough for us to make that call, right?

Krystal Powless: And in the past, I mean, if there's a such thing as a precedence I know that that I've been here long enough maybe it's happened twice maybe and we've gotten paid when it's been closed. Is this something that you even want to discuss?

Gary Meyer: No, I don't. We have a precedence set and I don't see it's our call.

Unknown Speaker: Nope.

John Wilson: If you're off tomorrow are you going to make any money?

Krystal Powless: Well...

John Wilson: That's a problem; if it is then you guys got to lose your ten (10) or eight (8) hours.

Krystal Powless: If the roads get bad we're definitely not going to make any money because our highway guys are going to get overtime.

John Wilson: Right and then it'll shut you guys...your eight (8) hours.

Krystal Powless: Anyway.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Paul Rudolph: Krystal, the only comment I'd want to make just briefly is that...it appears there's a disconnect between the Council and the author of the email on what our responsibilities are; might want to discuss that at some point in time.

Gary Meyer: Okay, anybody else?

David Hachmeister: I only have one thing is cause...offices closed and just like the sole conversation of service; when the Federal was shut down the county employees took all their stuff and worked from home, um, and their office's closed but they did everything from home. Of course they received their pay but as a matter of fact there was probably more done at home than it was done out of the office due to the fact the time involved and it's on the records I went through down there. Merry Christmas, motion to adjourn.

Paul Rudolph: Second.

Gary Meyer: Okay, meeting is adjourned. Everybody have a Merry Christmas, we do meet January the 2nd.

Adjournment

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Greg Richmond, Vice President

David Hachmeister

Brad Overton

Allan Holweger

Charles R. Christmas

Paul Rudolph

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